

WTO ACCESSION APPLICATION AND STATUS (as of 8-1-00)¹

Country	Status of Multilateral and Bilateral Work
Albania (1992)	General Council approved terms of accession on July 17. Albanian parliament ratified the accession package unanimously on July 31, 2000.
Algeria (1987)	GATT 1947 accession process never activated. One WTO Working Party held in April 1998. Additional documentation provided in early 1999. No market access offers to date.
Andorra (1997)	First WP meeting in October 1999 reviewed legislative implementation schedule and goods and services market access offers. Review of revised documentation and offers expected at second WP meeting, October 2000.
Armenia (1993)	Five WP meetings held through June 24, 1999. Draft protocol and WP report under review in WP. Legislative implementation underway. U.S. closed on goods and services. Other countries pending. Plurilateral meeting in July 2000 made progress on agricultural issues. Plurilateral in late September and informal WP meeting to review progress expected in early autumn 2000.
Azerbaijan (1997)	Initial documentation circulated in April 1999. No working party meetings or market access offers to date.
Belarus (1993)	Two WP meetings held through April 1998. Revised goods market access offer and initial services offer discussed in May 2000 bilaterals.
Bosnia Herzegovina (1999)	Application accepted at July 1999 General Council; has not yet submitted initial documentation to activate the accession negotiations.
Bhutan * (1999)	Application accepted at October 1999 General Council; has not yet submitted initial documentation to activate the accession negotiations.
Cambodia * (1995)	Initial documentation submitted in June 1999. Responses to initial questions in development. No working party meetings or market access offers to date.
Cape Verde * (2000)	Accession application accepted at July 17, 2000 General Council; has not yet submitted initial documentation to activate the accession negotiations.
China (1986)	Negotiations well advanced, with next WP and bilateral meetings scheduled for three weeks in September continue review of draft protocol and WP report and to conduct market access negotiations. Market access negotiations completed with most interested WTO members (including Japan, United States, and the EU) while negotiations with others continue.
Croatia (1993)	Council approved terms of accession on July 17.
Georgia (1996)	Georgia became the 137 th Member of the WTO on June 14, 2000.
Jordan (1994)	Jordan became the 136 th Member of the WTO on April 11, 2000.

¹ "Country" column Includes date the Working Party was formed. Pre-1995 dates indicate that the original WP was formed under the GATT 1947, but was reformed as a WTO Working Party in 1995.

* Designates "least developed country" applicant.

Kazakhstan (1996)	Three WP meetings held through October 1998. Legislative implementation underway. Extremely poor revised goods and services offers issued in March and May 2000. Further market access negotiations on margins of next WP meeting, expected in autumn 2000.
Laos * (1998)	Has not yet submitted initial documentation to activate the accession negotiations.
Lebanon (1999)	Has not yet submitted initial documentation to activate the accession negotiations.
Lithuania (1994)	Five formal and five informal WP meetings held through April 14, 2000. Bilateral and plurilateral meetings on margins of April 2000 WP and in July made substantial progress on outstanding protocol and market access issues. Legislative implementation underway. Draft protocol and WP report under review in WP, with next informal meeting expected in mid September, with final formal WP contemplated in late September 2000.
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (1995)	First WP meeting held July 10, 2000. Initial goods and services market access offers expected in autumn, with next WP session likely early in 2001.
Moldova (1993)	Four formal and one informal WP meetings held through September 24, 1999. Draft protocol and WP report under review in WP. Legislative implementation underway. U.S. still engaged in goods and services market access negotiations. Plurilateral meetings on goods market access in July 2000 resolved most outstanding issues on agricultural support. Additional plurilateral and informal WP meeting expected in early autumn 2000.
Nepal * (1989)	First WP meeting held May 22, 2000. Market access offers circulated in July 2000, with next WP session likely in late autumn 2000.
Oman (1996)	Working Party adopted terms of accession on July 6, 2000. General Council approval contemplated on October 10, 2000
Russia (1993)	Ten formal WP meetings held through May 2000. Informal WP meeting and bilateral market access discussions scheduled for October 2000, with next formal WP slated for December 2000. Initial services offer circulated in October 1999; revised goods market access offer tabled in March 2000. Further market access bilateral discussions expected prior to October meetings.
Samoa * (1998)	Initial documentation submitted in February 2000. No working party meetings or market access offers to date.
Saudi Arabia (1993)	Seven WP meetings held through April 4, 2000. Next WP meeting likely in mid October. Work on protocol issues and development of legislative implementation schedule continues. Progress recorded in latest round of bilateral market access negotiations with WTO delegations on margins of April WP, with further bilaterals in July and August.
Seychelles (1995)	Two WP meeting held through March 1998. Next WP meeting to review status of legislative implementation. Further negotiations on goods and services market access awaiting revised offers.
Sudan * (1995)	Initial documentation circulated in January 1999. No working party meetings or market access offers to date.
Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) (1992)	Legislative implementation and bilateral market access negotiations completed. Text of draft protocol and WP report agreed in substance. Verification of consolidated market access schedules reflecting completed bilateral negotiations to be completed and approved at next Working Party meeting, date to be arranged.
Tonga (1995)	Initial documentation circulated in June 1998. No working party meetings or market access offers to date.

Ukraine (1993)	Seven WP meetings held through July 12, 2000. Informal WP meeting and bilateral market access discussions scheduled for November 2000, with next formal WP slated for early 2001. Significant progress on goods market access in bilaterals on the margins of July WP meeting. Further bilateral meetings expected in mid September 2000. Principal focus of next WP meeting will be on Ukrainian legislative agenda to implement WTO-consistent trade regime and negotiations on revised market access offers.
Uzbekistan (1995)	Initial documentation circulated in October 1998. No working party meetings or market access offers to date.
Vanuatu * (1995)	Two formal and two informal WP meetings held through October 18, 1999, with bilateral negotiations on the margins. Further WP and bilateral negotiations awaiting Vanuatu response to comments by delegations on October 1999 offers. Response expected by end of 2000.
Vietnam (1995)	Three WP meetings held through July 1999. First reading of the trade regime completed. Next WP meeting, prior to end of 2000, will review Vietnam responses to request for legislative implementation strategy. No market access offers to date.
Yemen * (2000)	Accession application accepted at July 17, 2000 General Council; has not yet submitted initial documentation to activate the accession negotiations.